



SEPTEMBER, 2021

2nd Annual Hope for Honduras Virtual Run

We thank everyone for their amazing support of last years fundraiser benefiting the Prince of Peace Sister Parish in El Progreso Yoro, Honduras. We are so proud of our over 20 year history of the two parishes growing together in faith, love and support for one another. Funds raised provide greatly needed aid for the orphanage, nutrition center, schools, meal programs, and other parish needs. Our already financially challenged brothers and sisters have experienced even greater hardship and needs as they work to survive through the Covid pandemic.

This years event will be open for on-line registration October 13th-30th. Once registered you may run or walk either by yourself, as a family, or with a group that you create. Registration will be \$25 per person. T-shirts will be available for pick up or direct purchase in the church atrium before or after masses the weekend of October 23rd/24th. Closer to the event \m there will be more information and links for registration. Please help us show love and support for our friends in Honduras~~Julie Messner

Nutrition & Hogar News

Nutrition Center Update.....We happily share our progress from this place where the cry of a malnourished child is overshadowed by the joy of living. The crisis of the pandemic does not discourage us, but hope and faith make everything possible. This is how families who travel from afar to request our help so that their children obtain their maximum nutritional level see us, as did the family of Milagros who has lived in our Center since May, at 18 months of age weighing 10 pounds.

We also take care of Maryuri, she is 12 years old in chronic malnutrition. She suffers from Chronic Renal Insufficiency, for which we thank Príncipe de Paz for helping us prepare her dialysis room with all her equipment. We dialyze every day.

We are currently have 22 boys and girls at the Center, adding 14 people since June. Our janitor, Carlos Ramos (age 30), is very committed to his work.

The Local Alliances help us with donations in kind. With these we managed to cover food care for 180 children where families receive a food ration every 15 days.

The measures against COVID 19 continue, even with the vaccines we continue to monitor staff and children with rapid tests. Thank God we have not had cases in children. ~ Alicia Velasquez George Nutrition Director

Hogar Update...We thank God for this beautiful opportunity to communicate with you and report some news and information about our children in Las Mercedes.

At Hogar Suyapa our children continue in virtual classes at different levels. The situation in Honduras with the pandemic continues to be very difficult, however we thank God that it has already been possible to vaccinate all our staff and children over 12 years of age with two doses.

On September 10 we celebrate Children's Day in Honduras and we have been collecting toys donated by institutions and the community and decided to share these with quite poor communities outside and inside El Progreso. The picture shows some of the packages packed by our children (around 80) that they will happily share, thus teaching them this wonderful value of solidarity.

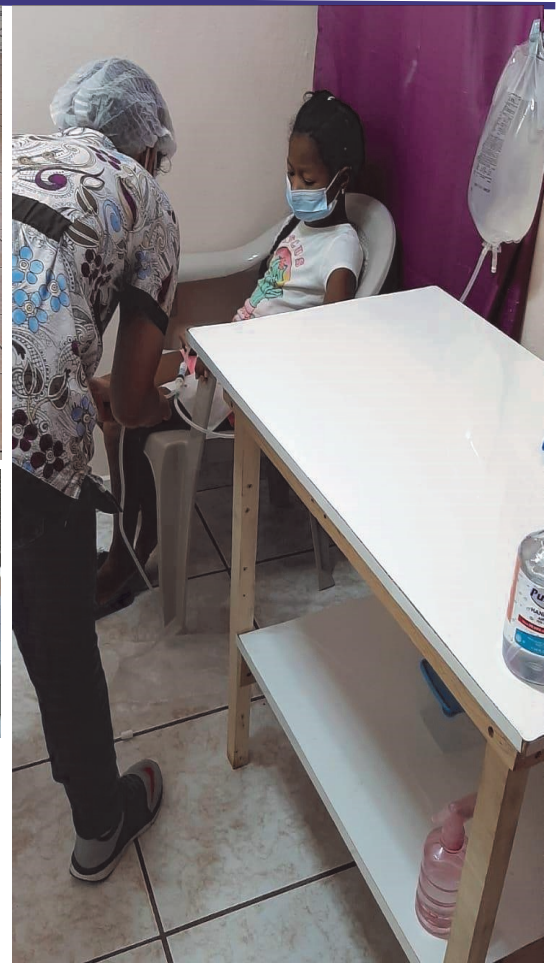
Also, our teenagers did social work inside the Hogar, making a pedestal for our Virgin with tires and flowers. Likewise, they continue with virtual catechesis that they enjoy very much every Saturday afternoon.

We continue to ask God every day in our prayers for the end of this pandemic and that we can once again enjoy your visits that our children miss so much! God willing that visit could be soon, so that our children can meet Fr. Michael. We greatly appreciate your prayers for these projects that mean so much. You all are in our prayers and united in the same faith. We take you by the hand in spirit and we say again, thank you Prince of Peace for continuing to support us. ~ Liliam Elisa Handal, Hogar Suyapa Administrator



The full newsletter and more pictures are online. Visit <https://www.popplano.org/sister-parish>

Sister Parish Mission Statement: To become part of the unfolding Kingdom of God by building a family relationship uniting Prince of Peace Catholic Community and Nuestra Señora de las Mercedes of El Progreso, Honduras, based upon our common Catholic faith, mutual love, interdependence and solidarity.



Far Above: Line up for lunch!
Above: Virtual Learning
Right: Maryyuri's daily dialysis
Below: Building the pedestal for the Virgin Mary and praying for pandemic relief

Milagros patiently waiting for lunch



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Sister Parish Meetings:

Meetings are open to everyone. We invite you to join us the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.—St. Katharine's Hall. Come see how you can be part of this rewarding ministry!

This newsletter is also online. Visit www.popplano.org and click on the Ministries Link and then the Sister Parish Link.